

Amendments to the Drawings:

Attached is a Replacement set of drawings containing Figs. 1 – 16B.

Applicant has amended Figs. 9-11 to correspond with the description at p. 10, lines 11-22 and the presently claimed subject matter. No other changes to the drawings have been made.

REMARKS**§ 103 Rejections**

Claims 1-3, 20, 35, 37-40 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park et al. (PG-Pub, U.S. 2003/0044727) in view of Sugimoto et al. (U.S. Patent 5209688).

Claims 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park et al. in view of Sugimoto et al. as applied to claim(s) above, and further in view of Chiu et al. (U.S. 2002/0038916).

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park et al. in view of Sugimoto et al. as applied to claim(s) above, and further in view of Kim et al. (US 2003/0134506).

Claim 36 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park et al. in view of Sugimoto et al. as applied to claim(s) above, and further in view of Carre et al. (U.S. 5853446).

Claim 41 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park et al. in view of Sugimoto et al. as applied to claim(s) above, and further in view of Yonehara et al. (U.S. 2004/0046504).

In response to Applicant's response filed 9/11/2007, the Examiner stated that "Claim 1 in this listing of claims neither states the limitation of the thickness of the peripheral portion to be greater or less than the planar portion connecting the grooves."

The Applicant does not agree. However, in the interests in advancing the prosecution, Claim 1 has been amended to recite, "wherein the non-rib region at the peripheral portion has a thickness greater than the planar portions that connect the grooves."

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Independent Claim 20 has been amended to recite the corresponding non-rib region created by the flexible mold of Claim 1.

A timely allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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